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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:
 A Preliminary Amendment
2. Entity Status
 Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) is appropriate for this case.
3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:
An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if necessary for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.
4. Provisional Fee Authorization
Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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